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SUBJ: REVIEW OF BEIRUT WEEKLY PRESS

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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES ARTICLES APPEARING IN WEEKLY BEIRUT PRESS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY AL AKHBAR (AUG 25) CARRIED COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT ON ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ISSUED AT CONCLUSION LCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD HERE IN EARLY AUG. STATEMENT OBSERVED PROGRESS MADE BY WORLD SOCIALIST FORCES ELSEWHERE NOT-EVIDENT IN ME, WHERE POLICIES OF "RETREAT AND CONCESSION" UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE LED TO MISSED OPPORTUNITIES. ARAB-SOV FRIENDSHIP

AND ARAB SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIANS ARE SEEN AS
DETERIORATING, ALTHOUGH LCP NOTES ENCOURAGING INCREASE
IN FEDAYEEN IDENTIFICATION WITH PROGRESS AND RADICAL
FORCES. STATEMENT CONCLUDED TASKS FACING LCP FOCUS ON
CLOSE COOPERATION UNDER MOSCOW'S AEGIS WITH PROGRESSIVE
ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND MOVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY FEDAYEEN
MOVEMENT. (DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM).

3. INDEPENDENT AL HAWADITH (AUG 30) REPORTED SOVS ARE
PRESSURING SYRIA TO SIGN TREATY TO COMPLEMENT THOSE
CONCLUDED WITH IRAQ AND INDIA AND THUS CONSOLIDATE SOV
POSITPON "FROM LATAKIA TO BANGLADESH". SOV TACTICS
ALLEGEDLY INVOLVE RETAINING CONTROL OF SAM-6 GROUND TO
AIR MISSILES AND REFUSING TECHNICAL ADVICE AND AID, THUS
ALLOWING EASY IOF PENETRATION OF SYRIAN AIR SPACE. ARTICLE
SEES PRESENT SOV-SARG RELATIONS AS SIMILAR TO SITUA-
TION PREVAILING IN EGYPT JUST PRIOR TO 1972 EXPULSION
OF SOV ADVISERS.
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